

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re application of: Ferree

Serial No.: 10/679,919

Group No.: 3733

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Examiner: R. Shaffer

For: REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL DISC REPLACEMENTS

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, and the subsequent Notice of Appeal filed October 11, 2006, Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: